

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-7568**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA,  
CALIFORNIA, TO OPPOSE PROPOSITION 7, THE SOLAR  
AND CLEAN ENERGY ACT OF 2008**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Clara, California has long been a leader in promoting sound energy policies that include a strong commitment to the development of renewable energy; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 7 establishes unworkable California Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) targets for electricity providers, and expands unwarranted state mandates on locally-controlled utilities and consumer-owned utilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, local control has been key to the City of Santa Clara's tradition of leadership and environmental stewardship, and the City of Santa Clara has had a longstanding commitment to the generation of electricity from environmentally responsible sources.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Clara's Electric Utility, Silicon Valley Power, already exceeds the existing state RPS with a renewable portfolio of 28%, has a carbon footprint among the lowest in the nation, and has efforts underway to invest further in renewable resources; and

**WHEREAS**, insufficient transmission infrastructure exists to meet and facilitate such rapid expansion of renewable energy generation; and

**WHEREAS**, implementation of California's existing economy-wide greenhouse gas reduction statute, AB 32, will ensure increased reliance on renewable energy and efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the Initiative's claim that consumers will see no more than a three percent rate increase in the "short term," this measure will lead to significant new costs for California's electric ratepayers; and

**WHEREAS**, a single state-wide approach to renewable energy that does not take into consideration the need for a diverse and integrated resource portfolio will serve to threaten grid reliability; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 7 already faces strong opposition from a large and still growing diverse coalition that includes local governments, publicly-owned utilities, privately-owned utilities, consumer groups and environmental groups;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the City Council of Santa Clara, California adopts an Oppose position on Proposition 7, the Solar and Clean Energy Act of 2008.

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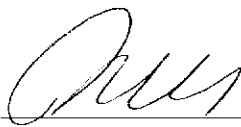
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2. Constitutionality, severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this resolution is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the resolution. The City of Santa Clara hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section(s), subsection(s), sentence(s), clause(s), phrase(s), or word(s) be declared invalid.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF HELD ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2008, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:	COUNCILORS:	Caserta, Kennedy, Kolstad, Kornder, McLeod and Moore and Mayor Mahan
NOES:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILORS:	None
ABSTAINED:	COUNCILORS:	None

ATTEST:   
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ROD DIRIDON, JR.  
CITY CLERK  
CITY OF SANTA CLARA